

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11359–11392*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2771–2779. **Page S11382**

**Measures Passed:**

**Feed America Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 334, designating Thursday, November 19, 2009, as “Feed America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11376**

**Drive Safer Sunday:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 335, designating November 29, 2009, as “Drive Safer Sunday”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11376–77**

**National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 338, designating November 14, 2009, as “National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11377**

**Measures Considered:**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11362–76, S11377–78**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 344), Coburn Amendment No. 2757 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require public disclosure of certain reports.

**Pages S11362, S11369–71**

Menendez Amendment No. 2741 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$4,000,000 for grants to assist States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries.

**Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2759 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enhance the ability of the Department

of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2760 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois, as the “Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center”. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Akaka Amendment No. 2740 (to Amendment No. 2730), to extend the authority for a regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Republic of the Philippines. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Johanns Amendment No. 2752 (to Amendment No. 2730), prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Amendment No. 2746 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require reporting on alternatives to major construction projects related to the security of strategic nuclear weapons facilities. **Pages S11363–64, S11377**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical Services, \$150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Franken/Johnson Modified Amendment No. 2745 (to Amendment No. 2730), to ensure that \$5,000,000 is available for a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2747 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 to improve outreach and provision of services for mental health and neurological conditions to veterans enrolled in programs of education at institutions of higher education. **Page S11377**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 2771 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces. **Page S11377**